

News Highlights, May 10-17

NBC 17

2nd Saturdays!

Secretary Linda Carlisle recently chatted with NBC 17 about 2nd Saturdays programs happening at Cultural Resources sites and museums this summer. Click here to see the interview.

Docsouth Blog

N.C.'s History on a Stick: Commemorative Landscapes of North Carolina

In a small, cinder-block building in Marietta, Ohio, workers at Sewah Studios engage in an art little changed since medieval times. Pressing letters into soil, pouring molten metal into the impression, allowing it to cool overnight under a pile of dirt, and then painting and baking the result, workers there produce cast aluminum historical markers. Read more here.

Fodor's Travel Intelligence

North Carolina Maritime Museum Review

An exhibit about the infamous pirate Blackbeard includes artifacts recovered from the discovery of his flagship, Queen Anne's Revenge, near Beaufort Inlet. Other exhibits feature coastal culture and the state's rich marine-science history. Read more here.

Salisbury Post

Transportation Museum festival gets new name, adds activities

The N.C. Transportation Museum will once again celebrate the golden age of railroading in June, but this year's event will debut a new name and more activities. Previously called Rail Days, the new Great Southeastern Rail Days Festival will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 2 and noon to 5 p.m. June 3. Read more here.

Construction Digital

BJAC's North Carolina History Center Earns Honor Award

Dan Fields, AIA and principal at BJAC, an architectural firm offering professional architectural and design services to healthcare, education, municipal and research clients, has announced that the North Carolina History Center at Tryon Palace, located in New Bern, N.C., has received an Honor Award from the Maryland and Potomac Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA). Read more here.

Military Press Publications

Uncommon Hero, The John Seagraves Story

David Seagraves knew his father served aboard the USS North Carolina during World War II, but knew nothing of his battles against racism and Kamikazes. It wasn't until after the 2009 Battleship Reunion that he learned of his father's heroics aboard the ship. As the first African American to break the racial barrier and operate a 20mm gun onboard, John Seagraves shot down a deadly Japanese Kamikaze attacker on April 14, 1945, dropping the near fatal flying bomb a mere 30 yards from the ship. This "defining moment" saved countless lives and the U.S. Navy's most decorated and highly celebrated battleship. Read more here.

Fayetteville Observer

Art in downtown Clinton shows evolution of the community

Motorists and pedestrians passing by the corner of College Street and Main Street couldn't help but notice something different about their in-town travel Tuesday. Something special. Seven beautifully colored panes of glass, standing taller than 7 feet, were installed into a 25-foot-long stone semicircle at the town's center by a crew of four professional glaziers. Read more here.

WNCT

North Carolina Museum of Art celebrates special anniversary

The North Carolina Museum of Art, along with schools from eight school districts across the state, celebrated the fifth anniversary of its Art of Collaboration program May 5. Art of Collaboration is an effort by the North Carolina Museum of Art to incorporate art into different school systems' curriculums. Read more here.

The Virginian-Pilot

Edenton, N.C., is a small-town gem that defies time

Edenton has aged well. Incorporated in 1722, the town's main business district is as active as it was when colonial sailing vessels crowded the bay with cargos of local goods bound for New England and the West Indies. Edenton's Broad Street was named last week one of four great main streets in the state by the North Carolina Chapter of the American Planning Association, joining Charlotte, Hillsborough and Asheville. Going against the trend of many downtown business districts, Broad Street shops are busy. Not one retail front is vacant. Read more here.

WNCT

On The Road: Why People Love New Bern

It's a unique city that is rich with history. But will all that the town has to offer, there are many things considered to be the best part of New Bern. It has some great tourist attractions, but one of the first things that comes to people's minds when they think of New Bern is Pepsi. ... Pepsico International is re-discovering New Bern. Last week, the board of directors and share holders came to New Bern to hold meetings. Incidentally, the creator of Pepsi, Caleb Bradham is buried in town. Every once in a while, a Pepsi will be left on his tombstone. You are not supposed to mention Pepsi's red canned competitor in New Bern. It's known as "the other product." See the video here.

New Bern Sun Journal

Son of Civil War veteran builds memorable life — brick by brick

Many people know Luke Martin's name because he is among just a handful of living children of Civil War veterans. Martin, 94, was just a toddler when his father, Pvt. Luke Martin Sr. of the North Carolina Colored Infantry, died in 1920. Martin Jr. will be an honored guest Saturday for "Civil War Veterans Recognition Day" at the Attmore-Oliver House, followed by the laying of wreaths to remember veterans at local cemeteries. Read more here.

Winston-Salem Journal

Going 'paperless' at SECCA

Paper is dead. Long live paper. These two contradictory views of the future find expression in "paperless," an exhibition on view at the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art. ...
"Paperless has become synonymous with progress," Curator Stephen Matijcio said. "It's about moving into the future. It's about shedding our material baggage. It's embracing the digital frontier. And yet paper is all around us. It's this ubiquitous antiquity." Read more here.

Chapel Hill Magazine Blog

An Outdoor Overture Comes to Southern Village

Last year's N.C. Symphony summer concert at Southern Village drew a huge crowd. As part of its 80th anniversary, the North Carolina Symphony will offer a free outdoor concert at Southern Village on June 1 at 7:30 p.m. on the Village Green. This is the 13th season the symphony will be returning to Southern Village. Symphony music director Grant Llewellyn will conduct the performance entitled "An Outdoor Overture," which features music from Leonard Bernstein, Scott Joplin, and Morehead City native Terry Mizesko. Read more here.

Smoky Mountain News

Liars Bench presents Osley Saunooke, colorful chief of the Cherokee

The Liars Bench will perform the third of the Balsam Chronicles series with the story of Osley Bird Saunooke, colorful chief of the Cherokee, at 7 p.m., May 17, at WCU's Mountain Heritage Center. Supported in part by a grant from the Grassroots Arts Program of the Jackson County Arts Council and the North Carolina Arts Council, the story is about a young Cherokee man's rise from Indian boarding school, entry into and success in the world of professional wrestling, and finally becoming the elected leader of his band during a turbulent period in their history. Read more here.